

I urge you not to implement any proposal which would limit the scope of Indiana's Telephone Privacy law. The law as it exists protects me and other Hoosiers from having our homes and private time invaded by those who do not know me or care about me other than as a prospect for a sale. I don't mind mailers; I can view them at my convenience and determine my response. Telemarketers, however, invade my home at their convenience and often refuse to politely accept my "no thank you."

We used to receive calls at all hours of the day and on any day of the week, including one on Mother's Day during dinner time. We can now enjoy dinner time and a quiet evening without being interrupted by people promoting products and organizations we are not interested in. It was not unusual for me to come home and find 20 calls had come in during the day from telemarketers, easily identified by the "unknown caller" listing on our caller ID; never did I come home to find there had been no calls. Now I often come home to no new calls on caller ID, and when there are calls they are from people I know.

Indiana's law is a good one for Hoosiers, and I would not want to see its effectiveness diminished. I only wish other US citizens had the same benefits.